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I. PREAMBLE:

SOURCE was a native of VIENNA (4812N-1622E) who had lived with his parents in Hungary from 1938 to 1944, was enlisted there, as an Ethnic German, into the 22nd WAFEN-SS Cavalry Division of the German Army in 1944 and captured by the Russians in BUDAPEST (4730N-1902E) in Mar 45. From Mar 45 to Oct 49 SOURCE was in different transient camps, and, successively, in different places in the USSR and Romania, first as a PW, and later as an internee. In order to be released from Russian internment to Hungary, SOURCE purported to be a Hungarian citizen of Ethnic German extraction, because he speculated that as a German he might have not been released. In Oct 49, SOURCE was released to Hungary. Here SOURCE pleaded at the Hungarian authorities for authorization to proceed to Western Germany to rejoin his parents residing there, but he was notified that he was considered a Hungarian subject and therefore not entitled to emigrate into a "hostile" country. When SOURCE attempted to escape to Austria, he was caught and taken into the internment camp in KISTARCSA (4732N-1916E). In KISTARCSA, SOURCE pleaded for release on the ground that he, as a native of VIENNA, was to be considered an Austrian subject, hoping to have more luck by such an attitude. Eventually, in Jul 53, SOURCE was released from the KISTARCSA internment camp with eight Austrians and extradited to the Austrian Police. In Austria, SOURCE affirmed his being a German and obtained his immediate extradition to Western Germany on 27 Jul 53.

During the entire time of his internment in the KISTARCSA internment camp, SOURCE was held in one building, the male internee's quarter (Pt.10, Incl.# 2), and the only other building where he could secure access during the whole time of internment was the ground floor of the water tower and dispensary building (Pt.18, Incl.2). As a result, SOURCE's information, furnished in a very cooperative manner, was necessarily restricted to the persons held and the observations made in his building, while all the other information was based exclusively on what he had learned from conversations with fellow internees in his building. SOURCE strongly stressed the point that all internees were extremely wary, suspicious, and from reserved to taciturn in their attitude, and did reveal little to nothing about their past or the reasons, or the real reasons of their internment. SOURCE was in several squad-rooms of the aforementioned building, but he was forbidden to contact internees held in other squad-rooms. As a result, physical descriptions were available only of internees with whom SOURCE had been associated in the pertinent squad-rooms of his building for longer periods of time.

II. IDENTIFICATION DATA:

Ref is made to Incl. # 1, this report, an Overlay of GSGS 4416, MIDDLE DANUBE 1:100,000 Sheet Y-13 First Edition BUDAPEST NORTH (4730N-1820E), on which SOURCE pinpointed the following points:

1. KISTARCSA INTERNMENT CAMP (Approx Location). Called ABIT (ALLAN-BIZTONSAGI INTERNAL TÁBOR, - State Security Internment Camp) KISTARCSA.

2. SRR.ESG.

III. CAMP LAYOUT:

Ref is made to Incl. # 2, this report, a Tracing of SOURCE's Memory Sketch of the Internment Camp in KISTARCSA, on which SOURCE located the following points:

1. STREET. Name unknown, sandy rolled road.
2. SENTRY BOX.
3. GUARD TOWER. Brick (2 x 2 x 3.5 m), steep, gabled sheet iron roof. Three windows and one steel door were located in the upper part of the tower. A metal shaft protruded about 1 m above the roof top. A searchlight rotated on the top of this

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shaft. The guard towers (this one, and all the others) were manned by two AVH (Internal Security) guards during the constitutional walk spells of the internees, otherwise by one guard. These guards wore blue epaulets and blue collar patches, and were armed with drum-magazine submachine guns. The guard towers were equipped with telephone. All guard towers were located inside the walls of the camp, but were accessible only from the outside by ladders which were lowered and retracted from the upper sections of the towers. The guard tower sentries were relieved every four hours, beginning from midnight.

4. WALL. Brick { 3 m high).
5. WALL. Brick { 3 m high}, topped with four strands of barbed wire.

6. POLICE CASEHNE. Brick (36 x 10 x 16 m, four story, gabled tile roof. The building was occupied by AVH Internal Security guards, in charge of the internment camp. From the size of the building, SOURCE estimated the strength of the guard unit at about 150 men. SOURCE was positive about the fact that these soldiers marched out for exercises daily, because he had heard them singing march songs early in the morning and heard this sound gradually fade away, and heard the same songs grow stronger at neontime. SOURCE then knew that the soldiers had marched out, respectively returned.

7. GUARD TOWER. Identical to Guard Tower (Pt.3).

8. LATRINE. Was not in use.

9. MALE INTERNEES' QUARTER. Called D-EPUELET (building D), was brick (36 x 10 x 10 m), three story, flat concrete roof topped by tar mixed with crushed stone. SOURCE never entered this building.

10. MALE INTERNEES' QUARTER. Called C-EPUELET (building C), was brick (36 x 10 x 10 m), three story, flat concrete roof, topped by tar mixed with crushed stone. SOURCE was held in this building all the time during his internment. The kitchen and the ration supply depot were located in the basement. There were 12 squad-rooms in this building, four on each floor, two of which were smaller than the other two. The rooms were numbered consecutively from the ground floor upward. During his period of internment, SOURCE was moved from one room to another, but he never entered the room # 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8. The smaller rooms (# 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 12) had a theoretical capacity of 24-28 men and their dimensions were 12 x 3 x 2.5 m. The larger rooms (# 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, and 11) had a theoretical cap of 60 men and their dimensions were 18 x 4.50 x 3.20 m. The camp administration disregarded, however, the theoretical capacity of the rooms and crammed up to 40-50 men into the smaller rooms, and 90-100 men into the larger ones. The rooms # 2, 3, 6, and 7 had board floor, the others concrete floor. One section of the room # 1 on the ground floor was partitioned off as EPUELET IRODA (Building office). The EPUELET PARANCENOK (Building Commander) was in charge of this office. LASZLO, AVH Sub Lt, about 25 years, 170 cm, brown hair, round fat face, sparse downy beard growth, medium-built. He was charged with the duty of maintaining order and discipline among the building inmates, to receive their verbal complaints, pass decisions about them, receive verbal or written reports of his appointees among the internees about the attitude and behavior of the inmates and award punishment. These consisted in the deprivation from the privilege of receiving visitors, letters and gift parcels, or, if such punishments could not be applied because outside relatives were unavailable, in the solitary confinement in a dark cell (for five to ten days), or into being put into fetters in a cell in the jail (Pt.24). The building commander was assisted by an unarmed AVH guard, a Pfc, name unknown. Neither the building commander nor this guard ever left their office. The official communication between the building inmates and the building commander was exclusively authorized through the channels of the appointees of the building commander: the KOERLETPARANCENOK (Precinct commander), the SZORAPARANCENOK (Squadroom Leader, one for each squadroom), the EGESZSEGUEGYI (medical attendant), the FORNAPOS (chief officer of the day), and the HAPOS (NCO of the day), the latter appointed upon the proposal of the chief officer of the day. It was a standing practice to select these appointees exclusively among such of the building inmates who had served in the AVH, or in the army, or in the police after WW II.

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and could be believed to be communists, after all, at the bottom of their hearts. The functions of these appointees were: the precinct commander was the actual boss of the building. He imparted orders to the squadron leaders and the officers (NCO) of the day, collected the daily reports of the squadrooms leaders to the building commander, and caused inmates to be escorted to the building commander for interrogation or punishment. The squadroom leaders were in charge of maintaining order and discipline in the squadrooms, and also to record in writing the behaviour and attitude of their subordinates, specifically, the topics of the talks between the inmates, with particular regard to possible derogatory remarks against the regime, which were liable to punishment by the building commander. The medical attendant was in charge of escorting inmates, approved as sick by the squadroom leaders, to the dispensary (Pt.18). The chief officer of the day and his assistants were posted at the corridors and had to inspect the squadrooms by night specifically for the purpose of detecting and preventing possible attempts of suicide, and preventing inmates from entering squadrooms other than their own. Two NCO of the day were on duty during the day in the entire building, and six during the night (two on each floor). All these appointees remained on permanent duty for a period at the pleasure of the building commander. SOURCE heard from fellow inmates that LASZLO's predecessors had been: BUDAI, 2nd Lt (to Jan 50), and OVARY, 1st Lt (to May 50), who was succeeded by LASZLO. SOURCE never saw BUDAI and OVARY, and therefore no physical description of these officers was available. SOURCE furnished the following physical descriptions of LASZLO's appointees:

GAL, MIKLOS, Precinct commander, 30 yrs, 173 cm, dark hair and moustache, round fat face, stout, 100 kg, a Transylvanian, reportedly a former 1st Lt of the AVH. GAL forbade SOURCE's correspondence with his sister, Mrs PLAZZERIANO, Tamas, nee PARTL, Marianna, BUDAPEST, KISTEMPLON UTCA 3. GAL was demoted on 5 or 6 Apr 53, and replaced by: SURANYI, 45-50 yrs, 185 cm, wavy, dark greyish hair, oval face, strongly built, married, a Jew, reportedly a former AVH captain in the AVH Central HQ in BUDAPEST. As a beginner, he treated the inmates with relative fairness.

NESTER, Karoly, chief officer of the day, 28 years, 170 cm, light-brown hair, oval face, medium-built, reportedly a former policeman, was released on the occasion of the amnesty of 21 Dec 50 (STALIN's birthday) with 56 fellow inmates, among whom 35 priests. His successor was:

SZEP, Jozsef, nicknamed JOSKA, chief officer of the day, 52 yrs, 170 cm, dark wavy hair, sparse beard growth at the chin, roundish face, paunchy, scar on his cheek (SOURCE was not positive whether right or left), from DEBRECEN (4732N-2137E), was formerly a high-ranking MAV (Hungarian RR) functionary, who had been interned reportedly because of a conspiracy (details unknown). He mishandled the inmates and berated them often, using the meanest profanities. Since Oct 52, SZEP had been also medical attendant, and a successor to:

MERENA, Sandor, medical attendant until Oct 52, 26 years (born in 1927 in BUDAPEST) 170 cm, brown hair, roundish face, slender-built, strong shoulders, was a former AVH border guard Pvt or Pfc, reportedly at the western border of Hungary, and had been squadroom leader in the building for some time before becoming medical attendant.

MERENA was directly responsible for the death of two inmates, whom he stubbornly and persistently refused to escort to the dispensary (Pt.18) for treatments: VID, Jozsef, S.J. (a Jesuit priest), about 50 years, and KUND Elemer, a former art collector and connoisseur from BUDAPEST, 66-67 years, who had been previously interned to AUSCHWITZ (5002N-1914E) by the Nazis in 1944, and was again interned here by the communists in 1950 where he died in 1952. In Oct 52, MERENA was ascertained to be tuberculous and transferred into the TB Isolation Ward (Pt.19).

Physical descriptions were available of the following squadroom leaders:

SCHWERTECKI, Ferenc, 33 yrs, 170 cm, dark hair, black moustache, narrow oval face, medium built, a Jew, married, reportedly a former AVH captain, most probably from BUDAPEST, judging from his manners. He was very despotic towards internees and treated them despotically. He congregated only with fellow Jews and Yugoslavs.

DANISKA, Jozsef, 52 years, 166 cm, brown hair, round face, medium-built, taciturn and insidious, overzealous in reporting to the building commander about the daily

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activities of the inmates, such as: who was talking with whom and how long, and about what, who gave whom a cigarette, who left part of his daily ration to a fellow inmate and why, and who looked out of the window.

KUEMMEL, Andreas, 27 yrs (born in 1926), 173 cm, dark brown hair, lengthy oval face, strongly-built, from BUDAPEST (4720N-1902E), married, was a former 1st Lt of the army (branch of service unknown) and a graduate of the KOSSUTH Military Academy, was interned reportedly because of his German descent. He mistreated the internees. PERJES, Geza, 34 years (born in 1919), 173 cm, sparse dark hair, baldish, narrow oval face, medium-built, divorced, had one child, a Jew and a native of ZAGREB (4548N-1600E), had a ten-year CP record, was engaged in undercover and partisan warfare communist activities until 1945, and became a professor at the KOSSUTH Military Academy in BUDAPEST after 1945. He claimed that his internment was due to his having associated himself with streetwalkers in night clubs, but this version found little credit among the internees.

No physical descriptions were available of the following squadroom leaders, because SOURCE had never observed them: SZABO, Geza, reportedly a former trade-union secretary; SZABO Sandor, a former army officer and a journalist; BOR, Imre, a former businessman, and PEKETE, Geza, a former farmworkers' trade union secretary. SOURCE furnished the following names of fellow internees in this building, stressing the point that he did not see all of them, or at any rate could not observe them closely, or engage in conversation with them. As a result, physical descriptions were available only of a few of them:

FUNOVICS, Georg, 30 yrs (born in 1923 in ZUBERBACH (4717N-1620E), Burgenland, Austria) 166 cm, blondish-brown hair, narrow oval face, strongly built upper body, a woman's head tattooed on the left upper arm, butcher, had been cheated by the Russians into Hungary with his own car in Mar 49, arrested and interned.

PETRAKOVICS, Hans, 28 yrs, 172 cm, dark brown hair, round face, medium built, single, from OBERWART (4717N-1615E) Burgenland, Austria, baker, was arrested and interned just like FUNOVICS in Mar 1949.

SCHNEIDER, Rudolf, from VIENNA, was arrested and interned just like FUNOVICS in Mar 1949.

GUTENPLAN, rabbi, and a former functionary of the JOINT (Jewish Aid Committee) in VIENNA, was arrested and interned just like FUNOVICS in 1948.

KORIGER, Gusztav, Dr. a lawyer from BUDAPEST, 42 years, his wife was residing in VIENNA.

MEJERSZKI, Sandor, 42 years, a former clerk from BUDAPEST, his wife, a native of KOELN (5056N-0657E), was residing in VIENNA; was interned because was a German citizen.

VINCENTI, Dr. had been reportedly a doctor in a military hospital of the US Army near SALZBURG (4747N-1302E), until 1950. He was arrested in 1950 by the Russians on his way to VIENNA at the ENNS (4813N-1428E) zonal border station and extradited to Hungary.

Former army officers: STEFAN, Valer, DENESFALVY, Denes; TARNAY, Endre; SILKE, Sandor, HANVARY, Rudolf; BARTO, Laszlo; EGLESZ, Oskar; GUTH, Arpad; DEAK, Gedson; BAJOR, LOKAY, 65-70 years; UGRAY, Gabor, former gendarmerie officer.

Former employees of the British Legation of BUDAPEST:

BUDAY, Elek, a former BULLETINOS (a bulletin man), in charge of the distribution of the information bulletins issued by the British Legation.

NYIRY, Laszlo, 70 years, another "bulletin man" and former army officer of BUDAPEST.

ANGYAL, Andras, 26 years, former clerk of the British Legation.

FEHRENBACH, Otto, former driver of the British Legation in BUDAPEST.

Miscellaneous Hungarian internees:

VECSEY, Tibor; VECSEY, Ivan; BALLER, Imre, a Jew; MOLNAR, Marton, from SZEGED (4615N-2009E), 48 years; NEMETH, Jozsef, a former kulak (wealthy farmer) from SZEGED; TOTH, Gyorgy, 27 years, former AVH soldier; BAKOS, Lajos, former river craft sailor; TRUXA, Frigyes, a former cook, and a social democrat; HAVAS, Gabor, a social democrat; PARKANYI, a social democrat; HEGEDUES, Laszlo, lower left arm am-

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putated; BAKO, Imre, former AVG Sgt; LEJTENYI, Istvan, former aircraft mechanic; ARONFY, Dr. a Jew; VOERES, Kalman; KAPO, Ferenc, formerly secretary to the executed minister of the interior RAJK; KALMAR, Gyula, a farmer; CSISZAR, Gabor, a former Captain of the Communist army; HATOLKAY, former official of the Ministry of National Defense; LOEDY, Zsigmond, former SS soldier; MATE, Istvan; KOEVER, Kalman; GARDONYI, a social democrat; GYURAN, Pal, a former kulak; PAPPLER, Ferenc, a former kulak; SANDOR, Janos, a former kulak; BARTAL, Sandor, REINDL, Geza, army judge advocate until 1945; KEKESY, Reszoe, formerly owner of the Iron Works of VAC (4747N-1907E); CSAK, a Jesuit priest; KALLOS, a catholic priest; SERES, Lasso; KISS, Jeno, a former teacher; CSANGO, a former business-man and a Jew; ANTAL, Janos, FARKAS Jozsef, one eye missing; GREGUSS, Mate and Janos, brothers; GYORDEAK, 67 years; MERENYI, Istvan, a Jew; NYARI, Pal, a former lawyer; PORZSOLT, Miklos, a former lawyer; RIMANOCZY, former driver; FORGO, Gyula-Erno, former reporter of the communist newspaper SZABAD NEP (Free People) of BUDAPEST; DENESFAY, Viktor, former Parliamentary Deputy; OLBRICH, Bela, a former civilian airline pilot; NEMETI, Janos, 27 years; PALATKAY, a former soap factory technician; BANYASZ, Imre, a former lumber dealer and a Jew; SULKOVSKY, Alfred, prince; CSIBRIK, Dezszo, a former French Foreign Legion member; BRNCZE, Dr. a pediatricist; TABI, Jozsef, a pharmacist; NANASY, Lasso, a former detective; ZALATHAY, Lasso, GRYOMROEI, former gipsy orchestra leader and stage singer; LENGYEL, Jozsef, from BUDAPEST, married, interned early in 1953; BESSENYEI, a butcher; SELLER, a shoemaker; RACZ, Andras, from ESZTERGOM (4748N-1845E), a baker, married, reportedly a former AVH soldier; KISS Andras, farmer; HERNADY, Denes, former official of the Ministry of National Defense; MAKK, Bela, 60 years, Catholic priest; KUELLEY, Karoly, formerly detective division chief in BUDAPEST; KONKOEVI, former AVH officer; KOEROESI, 30 years, former mason; KLEIN, a Jew, former police officer; PERLUSZ, a Jew, reportedly a former butcher; TAVASZY, Jozsef, baker and former policeman; ROZSA, Bela, a Jew, who had resided in SALZBURG after WW II for some time and then returned somehow to Hungary; LENGYEL, former gendarmerie sergeant; MATTYASOVSKY, Matyas, 34 years, a border crosser; LETENYEI, Jozsef, 52 years, married, a technical draftsman; AGOSTON, Imre, Catholic priest; BEJCSI, Gyula, catholic priest; GUTTMANN, Jence, a Jew, formerly a functionary of the ZIONIST COMMITTEE OF BUDAPEST; SALANKY, Emil, a Jew, HEISS, Emil, a Jew;

Miscellaneous Yugoslav internees:

BRAUNSTEIN, Marton, probably an Ethnic German from Yugoslavia; FEHER, Gabor, 29 years; FEHER, Sandor; MARASZ, Sandor, 1st Lt of the Yugoslav army; MILKOVICST, Borislav, former Yugoslav army officer; MUNDJAR, Dragutin; KATETICS; MESZLING, Marton, an Ethnic German from Yugoslavia; RUZSICS; TOMANOVICS, Rade; MILIC, Yugoslav army officer; HAJEK, Ivan; BRDARICS; LAFFLER, an Ethnic German from Yugoslavia; KISS, Mihaly; VEGH; BASICS; VIDA, Ferenc; MIGLINCZI, Karoly; KOPRIS; OCHYENOVICS, Emil, a political emigrant from Yugoslavia interned in Dec 52; DEAK, Istvan; GREGORICS, Pal; PREIS, Pal, Ethnic German from Yugoslavia; NANASY, Sandor, MASIRERICS; MEISTOREVICS; DRZICS, former Yugoslav army officer;

Miscellaneous Greek internees:

KONDILAKIS, Kosta; KARADAFOP, Kosta; SOMPOLAS, Spyros; MELAS, Djordjeus; PETRIDIS; RISZTOVSZKY, Nikolaj; POLISOIS, Karlos;

All other nationalities:

TURNYANSZKY, Andras, an American citizen of Hungarian extraction, born in OHIO; SZEKANOV, Nikolaj, old Russian emigrant; ALHJIN, old Russian emigrant; BRACSKO, Anton, German citizen, former SS soldier; WINHART, Sebestyen, Ethnic German; SKORSKI, a Jew from Poland, former businessman; HANSEN, Willi, a Dane, married, wife residing in Hungary; SIROTIKOVICS, old Russian emigrant; CANTONI, Arnaldo, an Italian, who had resided in SALZBURG and INNSBRUCK (4716N-1123E), Austria, interned because reportedly charged with having served as an informer both for the Americans and the Russians; VISINTI, Luciano, an Italian from TRIESTE; STOESSL, Eduard, an Austrian gendarme, arrested by the Russians in 1948 and interned here; JURACSKO, Stanisla, CSR citizen; JANKOVICH, Ferenc, of undetermined nationality; HARASZTY, nicknamed OEGSI, a CSR citizen.

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About 350-360 internees were housed in this building. Changes in strength occurred very rarely. It was difficult to know who and how many among the fellow internees had died, because few internees knew who had been removed, when and where. Nothing trickled out about removed internees.

11. AMBULATORY COURTYARD. Called SETATER (walking place). This place was used by the internees housed in the male internees' quarters (Pts. 9, 10, and 12). The internees of each of these buildings were taken down separately, at different times between 1400 and 1700 hours, for 20 minute constitutional walks. This was not, however, a regular and standard practice, because it depended on the unpredictable whim of the officer on guard duty in the Caserne (Pt. 6). If the officer concerned was in a bad mood, he refrained from giving orders for escorting the internees to the walking place, and this could be the case for weeks at a stretch. In the favorable case, the walking SOP was as follows: The internees of the respective building were marched out onto the courtyard room-wise. On the courtyard, the internees were commanded to stand in files of six one behind the other, with their hands held clutched behind and with their heads bent down staring fixedly on the ground. Then six NCO of the day and two AVH guards were positioned along the outer rim of the marching circle. Their principal duty was to watch Argus-eyed that none of the marching internees should lift his head from the ground for a moment or disengage his hands from the clutched rear position. At the same time, the building commander and the chief officer of the day took position in the center of the marching circle. Upon the command of the precinct commander the internees started to march around the circle. The rhythm of the march was shouted by the building commander and was very brisk. After 20 minutes, the internees were made to run upstairs room-wise.

12. MALE INTERNEES' QUARTER. Called B-EPUELET (Building B) was brick, (36 x 10 x 10 m), three story, flat concrete roof topped with tar mixed with ground stone. SOURCE never entered this building. The male internees' Quarters (Pts. 9, 10 and 12) constituted the compound called PORTABOR (Main Camp).

13. GUARD TOWER. Identical to guard tower (Pt. 3).

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15. GUARD TOWER. Identical to Guard Tower (Pt. 3).

16. FEMALE INTERNEES' QUARTER. Called G-EPUELET (building G) was located within a courtyard partitioned from the rest of the camp by a brick wall (3 m high). The entire compound was called NOEL EZRED (Female Regiment). The only information about this section known to SOURCE was that the wife of the Hungarian Premier (1944/45) SZALASI, Ferenc, was held there. She had been reportedly offered the liberation at the price of the repudiation of her husband's name, but since she had rejected such a proposal, she was further detained in this section.

17. FEMALE WORKERS' COURTYARD. This courtyard was petitioned off from the rest by a brick wall. The activities carried on here were unknown to SOURCE.

18. WATER TOWER AND DISPENSARY. Brick (10 x 10 x 30 m) three story, with a concrete water tower raising upward from the top of the third floor. The dispensary was located on the ground floor. SOURCE observed only one room (6 x 5 x 4 m) of the dispensary. A Jewish AVH major, reportedly a dentist, and a female AVH M/ Sgt, first name Iren, were in charge of the dispensary. They supervised two internee doctors. One of these was ZIMANYI, Dr. a pediatricist, 40 years, 168 cm, sparse brown hair, roundish fat face, portly. The name of the other internee doctor, a cardiologist, was unknown to SOURCE. Sick calls were authorized on Monday and Thursday. The sick internees were examined, but they were not disclosed their diagnoses. They were given prescription, or in very serious cases, transferred into the camp hospital, located reportedly in the upper stories of this building. SOURCE never entered the upper stories of this building.

19. TB ISOLATION WARD. Called F-EPUELET (Building F), was also called SZUERON (screening). Formerly it had been used to keep there, for an indefinite time, newly arrived internees lest they might disclose news from the outside world to the old-time insiders. From 15 Jul 53, however, the building was used as a TB isolation

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ward. It was partitioned off from the rest by a brick wall (3 m high).

20. GUARD TOWER. Identical to guard tower, (Pt.3).

21. VISITORS' BARRACK. Called BESZELOETEREM (Conversation Hall), was located in a courtyard beyond a 3 m high brick wall. SOURCE never entered this building and could not observe it from any place, and therefore no dimensions were available. SOURCE heard from fellow internees that two net wire fences, spaced about 1.5 m apart, ran across the center section of this building. When visitors arrived for the internees, guards walked between the fences to overhear the conversations exchanged between the visitors, at one side of the double fence, and the internees, at the other side of the double fence. Corresponding number tags were placed at both outer sides of the double fence. The visitors took place under a number tag and waited until their interned relatives showed up at the exactly opposite places of the fence. The conversation privilege was of five minutes per month and was abrogated effective 24 Jun 52.

22. SRR.ESG. Led from BUDAPEST to GOEDORLLOE and was electric. SOURCE could not estimate the distance beyond the wall of his compound to this RR.

23. TOOL MAINTANANCE SHOP. SOURCE heard from fellow internees that this was a tool maintenance shop. No details were available.

24. JAIL. Called E-EPUELET (Building E), or FOGDA (prison), was reportedly of the same size as the male internees' building (Pt.9). SOURCE never entered this building. SOURCE heard from fellow internees that it was comprised of individual cells, where chiefly prisoners pending trial or under investigation were held. In addition, internees from the Main Camp compound were taken for serving their punishments here, usually for having uttered disparaging remarks against the regime, or attempted a hunger strike. These internees were thrown into dark cells, or into cells where they were put into chains, tying behind the right hand with the left leg, and the left hand with the right leg.

25. HQ BUILDING. Called A-EPUELET (Building A), or TOERZSEPUELET (Staff Building), dimensions unknown. SOURCE never entered this building. Internees were reportedly taken for interrogation here. SOURCE never heard of any tortures being perpetrated in this building.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Daily Routine: 0600 Reveille

0600-0700 Cleaning

0700 Breakfast: one cup (0.3 liter) of watery,

blackish-sweetish ersatz coffee. At irregular times during the day (sometimes at breakfast) the daily bread ration (250 g brown bread) was distributed.

0700-0800 Washing

0800 First head-count

0800-1200 Conversation time. The squad-room leaders

watched Argus-eyed about everything pertaining to the conversation of the inmates and reported their observations in writing to the building commander.

1200-1230 Lunch: consisted of 0.3 liter soup (macaroni, or grist), and 0.5 liter vegetable dish, the latter with meat on Thursday and Sunday.

1230-1300 Second cleaning

1300-1700 Reading and chess playing. Internees were permitted to request their relatives to send their books to the central library of the internment camp, but these books remained in the property of the library for good. The books could be loaned out from the library by the squadroom leaders every two weeks. The same applied to chess sets.

1700-1800 Washing and footwashing

1800 Supper: 0.5 liter vegetable dish

1800-2000 Conversation time

2000 Second head-count

2000-2030 Third cleaning

2100 Lights off

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Monday and Friday were sewing days. Monday Tuesday and Wednesday were optional laundering days. Shaving: once weekly, between Thursday and Saturday. Haircut: once monthly.

SOP

If an internee left his room to walk to the latrine, he had to clutch his hands back, and look sullenly down on the ground. If an internee was escorted by the building appointee-officials along the corridor, the internees who were just then on the corridor had to turn immediately with their body and face against the wall and stay there until the patrol had passed them. Whenever an internee stopped on the corridor, or anywhere outside the room, he had to stand with this face against the wall. If an internee was temporarily taken out of camp for any reason whatsoever, he had to put on dark glasses in order to prevent him from making any observations.

CORRESPONDENCE: Internees were authorized to write one postcard per month between the first and the fifth day of every month. They were authorized to receive one postcard per month between the 15th and the 20th day of every month.

GIFT PARCELS: Internees were authorized to receive one 2.5 kg parcel every month. The authorized content was: 1 kg bread, 0.5 kg fats, 0.5 kg sugar, 0.5 kg jam, 100 cigarettes, and four matchboxes. In addition to this quota, internees were authorized to receive one parcel with toilet articles of standard quality and underwear monthly for the respective month. Internees were authorized to send home one parcel of dirty underwear monthly.

STRENGTH: SOURCE heard from conversations with fellow internees that a total of 1,600 - 1,700 internees, of whom about 300 women, were held in this camp. Of this total, about 1,200 were Hungarians, and about 400-500 foreigners; SOURCE could not furnish a breakdown by nationalities, but on the ground of his own observations in his building and from what he had heard from fellow internees, he estimated the order of sequence by relative strength of foreign nationalities as follows: Yugoslavs, Greeks, Austrians, Germans (including here the Ethnic Germans of Hungary) and then a few Czechs, Romanians, Poles, and old Russian emigrants, and finally one Dane, one British subject (SIRKO, transferred to unknown place in 1952), and one American.

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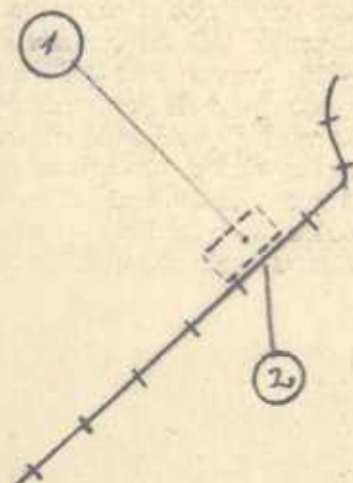
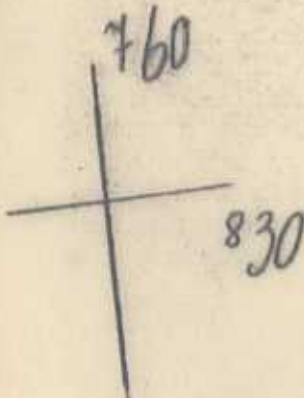
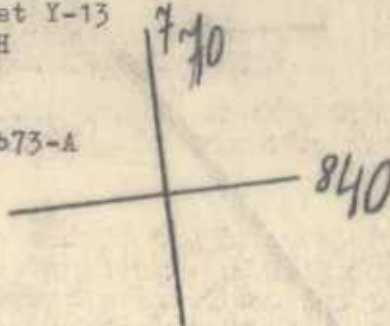
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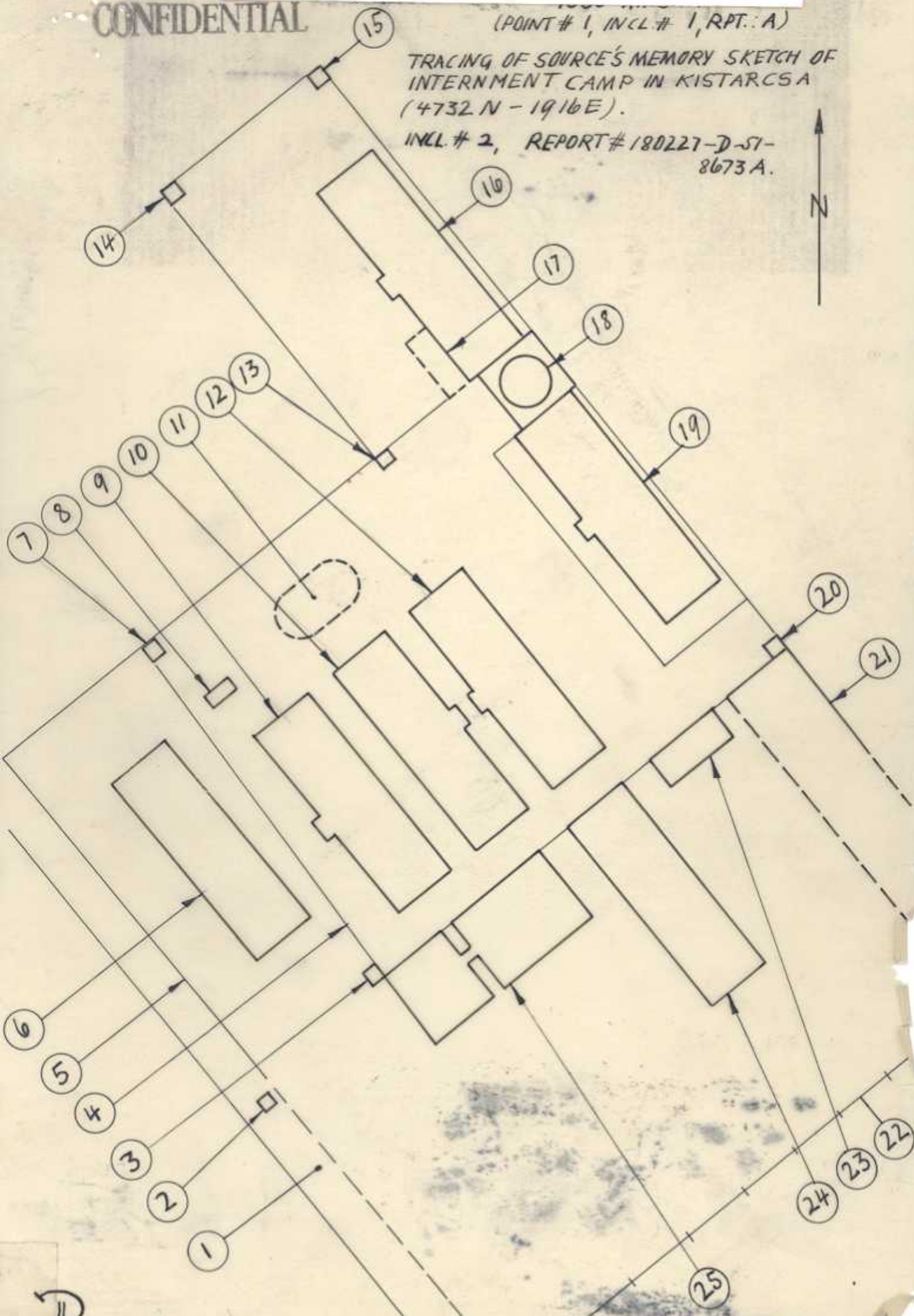
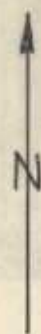
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